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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Applicant : Kathleen Tyson-Quah
Serial No. : 09/513,440
Filing Date : February 25, 2000
Title of Invention : METHOD OF AND SYSTEM FOR MITIGATING RISK
ASSOCIATED WITH SETTLING OF FOREIGN
EXCHANGE AND OTHER PAYMENTS-BASED
TRANSACTIONS
Examiner : Frantzy Poinvil
Group Art Unit : 3628
Attorney Docket : 126-001USA000

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)

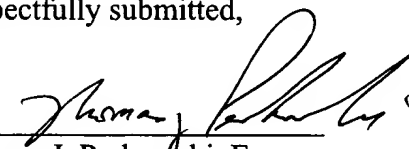
Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), Applicant requests a two month extension of time in order to file the accompanying Response to Office Action dated December 16, 2003, in connection with the above referenced Application. The extended response time to file the Response to Office Action will expire on March 16, 2004.

Enclosed in payment of the requisite fee of \$210.00 is Thomas J. Perkowski, Esq., P.C. Check No. 4066 in the same amount. Applicant qualifies as a small entity status for the purpose of paying reduced fees in the USPTO. The Commissioner is also hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiencies or overpayments to Deposit Account No. 16-1340. A duplicate of this document is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: March 16, 2004


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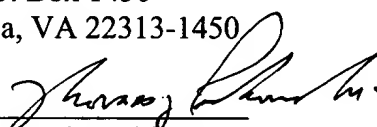


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